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(ii) Working of the Industrial Concerns

1. Government-owned Industrial Concerns.

1087. (*a*) *Government Electric Factory, Bangalore.*—The factory was mainly engaged in the manufacture of transformers. The total production and sales of the factory during the year were of the value of Rs. 55,24,038 (Rs. 69,15,991) and Rs. 67,23,416 (Rs. 67,94,117) respectively.

(*b*) *Government Soap Factory, Bangalore.*—The factory was shifted to the new Building at Rajajinagar, Bangalore on 1st July 1957 and the manufacture of soaps and other products was being stepped up.

The turn-over of the factory during the year showed a marked increase from Rs. 32,00,000 to Rs. 39,28,000.

The products of the factory especially Mysore Sandal Soap continued to receive high patronage from both Indian and over-seas markets. There were repeated enquiries from Middle-East and Far-Eastern countries.

(*c*) *Government Porcelain Factory, Bangalore.*—During the year, the expansion scheme of the factory for the manufacture of High Tension Insulators under the technical collaboration of Messrs. Nippen Gaishi Kaisha Ltd., of Nagoya, Japan was implemented. The regular production operations in regard to manufacture and sales of important electro porcelain articles like 8 K.V. and 15 K.V. insulators, 8 K.V. and 13 K.V. strains, were continued on a higher scale during the year. Besides, the factory was also engaged in the manufacture of Porcelain Crockery and Balls and Bricks. The total production and sales of several articles during the year were Rs. 8,95,643 and Rs. 6,77,700, respectively.

(*d*) *Government Central Industrial Workshop, Bangalore.*—The workshop was mainly engaged in general engineering and repairs to machinery, etc. During the year, the total out-put and sales were Rs. 3,55,164 (Rs. 4,57,271) and Rs. 3,84,789 (Rs. 4,84,656), respectively.

(*e*) *Government Sandalwood Oil Factories, Mysore and Shimoga*:—About 1,742 tons of sandalwood

valued at Rs. 61 lakhs was consumed in both the factories while 145 tons of sandalwood valued at Rs. 5 lakhs were distilled at New York under agency system. The total production of sandalwood oil at both the factories in Mysore and Shimoga amounted to 1,55,412 lbs. valued at Rs. 62,16,500 while 19,949 lbs. of oil valued at Rs. 7,97,960 were obtained by distillation at New York under agency arrangements. The total sales during the year aggregated to 1,60,965 lbs. of sandalwood oil of the value of Rs. 82,99,106.

As in the previous years, there was good market for sandalwood oil in all the principal consuming centres of the world including Great Britain, America, Japan and other Continental countries of Europe.

(*f*) *Mysore Implements Factory, Hassan.*—In addition to the manufacture of agricultural implements and tools, the factory took up the manufacture of R.C.C. poles for supply to the Electricity Board. The production and sales during the year were Rs. 9,81,000 (Rs. 7,89,000) and Rs. 10,01,900 (Rs. 8,05,800), respectively.

(*g*) *Sri Chamarajendra Technical Institute, Mysore.*—There were 515 students in the Institute undergoing training in useful arts and crafts like fine arts, modelling, engraving and enamelling, inlay work, wood carving, rattan manufacture, smithy, carpentry and cabinet making, sculpture, etc. During the period of training, scholarships ranging from Rs. 3 to Rs. 10 per month were given to the students to the extent of Rs, 16,000.

The production and sales of articles both in the workshop and training sections during the year amounted to Rs. 1,61,625 and Rs. 2,38,789, respectively.

The sale of articles manufactured by private artisans and kept at the institute on consignment basis amounted to Rs. 86,182.

(*h*) *Mysore Government Arts and Crafts Emporium, Bangalore.*—The Depot has been in existence from long time as an emporium for the display and sale of the best specimens of Mysore Arts and Crafts.

The sales during the year amounted to Rs. 1,18,587 (Rs. 1,58,468). Due to considerable decrease in sales and increase in expenditure, there was a loss of about Rs. 11,600 (Rs. 5,242).

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(i) *Government Central Workshop, Mercara.*— The workshop was mainly engaged in the execution of job orders pertaining to mechanical works including repairs and services.

During the year, 1,230 job orders were received and total service charges realised was Rs. 80,500 (Rs. 60,481). The total value of spares and stores consumed amounted to Rs. 40,125.

2. Government Aided Industrial Concerns.

1088. (a) *The Mysore Tobacco Co., Ltd., Bangalore.*— The company planted 2,935 acres against 3,350 acres during the previous year. The total value of green leaf purchased from the ryots amounted to Rs. 5,25,188 (Rs. 5,45,612).

Virginia flue-cured tobacco suffered from adverse seasonal conditions which reduced the quality of the product.

The total value of cured tobacco sold during the year was Rs. 20,95,685 (Rs. 35,80,633).

A second Grading Station was opened at Gauribidanur to facilitate the handling of cured leaf acquired in Gauribidanur area.

The Tobacco Research Station which was started very recently in Hunsur under the auspices of the Indian Central Tobacco Committee started functioning during the year.

(b) *The Mysore Chrome Tanning Co., Ltd., Bangalore* :—

The value of articles manufactured and value of sales were Rs. 3,28,061 and Rs. 4,50,465, respectively.

As a result of new technique adopted in processing, there was a considerable improvement in the finishing of leathers. Steps were also taken to increase the production of textile leathers, coloured leathers and rollers leathers which find a ready sale. Two students deputed by the Government of India were trained during the year.

The company had been working in heavy losses for the past four years for want of working capital as also due to severe competition in the trade from well established firms in the line.

(c) *Radio and Electricals Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Bangalore* :—

The main items of manufacture during the year consisted of radio receivers and components, water meters, house servicing meters, P.V.C. extruded plastic wires, cables, tapes, tubes, filaments and thongings etc., A total of 1,51,443 house service meters, 1,001 radio receivers (wire chassis only), 1,890 water meters and 38,21,646 yards of P.V.C. products in multiple cores were manufactured during the year. The total sales of the articles manufactured were of the value of Rs. 73,77,903.

Manufacturing of band switches and water meters was commenced on a commercial scale during the year.

(d) *Mysore Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd., Belagola*:—

The total sales of chemical fertilisers amounted to Rs. 25·81 lakhs during the year. Major portion of ammonium sulphate was sold out to Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd. There was much demand for superphosphate from the Multipurpose Societies which was possible to be met by the Company.

(e) *The Mysore Water Proofs Ltd., Bangalore*:—

The company was mainly engaged in the manufacture of paints, varnishes and thinners. The productions and sales during the year were as follows :—

	Production in gallons	*Sales in gallons*
Paints ..	8,510	8,766
Varnishes ...	8,113	8,179
Thinners ...	3,055	3,055

The total sales amounted to Rs. 2,98,633.

The company had been making steady and satisfactory progress for the last four years.

(f) *The Mysore Vegetable Oil Products, Ltd., Bangalore*:—

During the year, 279 tons of vanaspathi (Hydrogenated groundnut oil) and 547 tons of refined oil were manufactured while the sales were 333 tons of vanaspathi and 632 tons of refined oil.

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(*g*) *The Mysore Lamp Works Ltd., Bangalore*:— The company, as in the previous years, had been engaged in the manufacture of all kinds of electric lamps, such as general service lamps (5 watts to 1,500 watts), train lighting, locomotive head lights, telephone switch board lamps, automobile lamps and street series lamps (5·5 amps). Since there was heavy demand both by the consumers and the Government Departments for the products of the company, production was considerably stepped up during the year. Lamps of higher voltage required for the Central and State Development Projects included under the Second Five-Year Plan were manufactured and supplied. As the demand for Miniature and Train-lighting and Telephone switch lamps was increasing, the concern has had to develop this line of manufacture also along with the general service lamps and made substantial supplies of these varieties to Railways, Tata Locomotive, Indian Telephone Industries and Government Road Transport Departments.

During the year, 17,77,122 lamps of different types valued at Rs. 8,66,850 were manufactured in the concern while the total sales amounted to 15,55,636 numbers of different types of lamps valued at Rs. 14,24,189.

The manufacture of Fluorescent lamps along with the present manufacture of Incandescent lamps was under consideration.

(*h*) *Bangalore Ex-servicemen's Transport Co., Ltd.*—Besides running lorries, baby taxis, auto-rickshaws and postal mail service contract, the company had a workshop for repairs. The company had so far sold 21 autorickshaws under the hire-purchase system to the deserving ex-servicemen. This scheme enables an ex-serviceman to get himself rehabilitated.

1089. Relationship between the Management and Labour continued to be cordial in all these concerns.

(iii) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati.

1090. The Board of Management of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, was reconstituted for a period of one year from 1st April 1957.